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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY MAY 21, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for May 21, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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Turkiye, Zaman / In Adana an official funeral ceremony was organized for Cumali Hakan, a policeman who was killed by alleged terrorists in Pervari, Siirt province.

Ekspres, Ulkede Gundem / In Iskenderun, Hatay province, there was an explosion in the industrial zone at Ekinciler iron and steel factory. It is reported that Ekinciler accepts scrap iron from Iraq and some explosives were found in the explosion area.

Ulkede Gundem / In Cizre, Sirnak province, police raided several houses and detained six people, including the DEHAP district head Huseyin Avsar.

Ulkede Gundem / In Yuksekova, Hakkari province people gathered to condemn the torture by American soldiers of Iraqis. Approximately 150 people attended the meeting.

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